



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 23, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all." – *Wendell Berry*

Prelude

The Tides of Manaunaun
Henry Cowell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Caitlin Phillips

Call to Worship*

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Leader: God formed humankind from the ground and breathed into us the breath of life.
People: **We belong to God, to the earth, and to one another.**
Leader: God planted a garden and filled it with beauty, nourishment, and life.
People: **God placed us within creation to tend it and care for it.**
Leader: God saw that we were made for relationship and gave us companions for the journey.
People: **Let us worship the God who gives us life, a world to love, and people with whom to share it.**

Opening Hymn* 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Prayer of Confession*

Creator God, you formed us from the earth and breathed life into us. You made us for relationship with you, with one another, and with all creation. Yet we forget how deeply our lives are joined. We use the earth without tending it, fail to honor the dignity of others, and seek our own good without considering the good of all. Forgive us. Renew in us a spirit of gratitude, responsibility, and care, so that our lives may reflect the love with which you made us... *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Vivian Hudson

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 4-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

After Tell Us Our Story, parents may take children ages two and younger to child care in room 117. Children ages three & PreK may go to room 119. Children K and older may go upstairs with adult leaders for learning and fun in the Dock (room 210). Of course, children are always welcome to remain in worship.

Anthem

Over My Head
arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere.
And when the sun is rising, I hear music in the air.
And in the night's deep darkness, I hear music in the air.
I hear it when I'm praying. I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.

Sermon

Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humans. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of the faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created humans in a personal relation with God's own self that humans may respond to the love of the Creator....Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humans are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offering Music

He's Got the Whole World
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Victoria Blaire

Closing Hymn* 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Choral Amen*

Benediction*

Postlude*

Hymn to Joy
arr. Albert L. Travis

Highlights:



Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.
If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission),
you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to
prayerrequest@slpres.org.

To give:

